declared to be of national importance in Bihar is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 9]. The ancient and historical monuments which are more than 100 years old at the time of their consideration for protection and which are found to be of national importance in view of their outstanding archaeological, historical and architectural value are declared protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, while in respect of remaining the respective State Governments are concerned.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Besides looking after their day to day maintenance and upkeep structural repairs, chemical preservation are carried out from time to time according to their individual requirements.

Railway Lines in Bihar

254. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the length of railway lines per 100 sq. kilometres in Bihar is less in comparison to that in other States;

(b) if so, what action is being taken to improve the situation;

(c) what are the nams of districts in Bihar where railway services are not available; and

(d) by when Central Government are making efforts to extend railway services in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. It is more in comparison to the national average.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Nil.

(d) Does not arise.

Conference of Kendriya Vidyalaya Principals

255. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a two day conference of Kendriya Vidyalaya Principals on primary education was held on 15th and 16th January, 1988 at New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the Conference and what is Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan organised a conference of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bhopal, Jammu, Hyderabad and Delhi Regions on 15th and 16th January, 1988.

(b) The recommendations made by the Conference are:

(1) Only three subjects should be taught at the primary classes in Kendriya Vidyalayas:

(i) Hindi

(ii) English

(iii) Arithmatic

Teaching of environmental studies should be merged with the languages.

(2) No home-work need be assigned to the children in classes I and II.

(3) Arithmatic exercises may be done in the school under the supervision of the teachers.

(4) Children should be encouraged to borrow books from Library and read at home. The books may be both informative and interesting.